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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) An application from the ex-servicemen of Ariyalur for assignment of lands in Elakurichi village, Udayarpalayam taluk, was received by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, on 7th April 1952.

" (b) The lands applied for are in two blocks. They will have to be split up into small plots before they are assigned. The Collector is taking action in the matter."

Relief to the unemployed industrial workers.

12 noon. * 88 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any statistics regarding the number of industrial concerns closed wholly or partially during the last three months and the number of labourers affected by such closure; and

(b) whether the Government have any plan to meet the problem of increasing unemployment and to give relief to unemployed workers?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The number of industrial concerns closed either wholly or partially in the Residuary State, during the months of June, July and August is 28. The average number of members affected is about 4,887."

" (b) The Government have no 'plan' at this moment. The problem of unemployment has been taken up by the Planning Commission, with whom this Government hope to work out a plan or devise some measures to meet the problem."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, there is a large volume of public opinion, supported by political parties in Malabar, that, in order to relieve unemployment, the rice mills may be abolished. Will the Government consider this suggestion? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would request the hon. Member to put a separate question and give me notice."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state in which particular industry unemployment is the heaviest? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put."

*** 89 Q.—SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" கேள்வி 89 ஐ நாளைக்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்ளலாம்."**

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up tomorrow."